have these lists of many hundred names been recorded and borne across the world from island to island, from each old home to each new landfall, through tempest and war and every vicissitude, without error and without forgetfulness, until in our times, in face of the near extermination of their race, the last solemn priests, some of them possessed also of our learning, have seen that the exclusive tradition must be broken down if anything were to be saved and have imparted them to white foreigners and to printed books. He is without imagination who cannot admire so great a racial pride, so invaluable a service to knowledge, so imperishable a sacred lore, and where is any admiration there will be also lasting shame. It was to these * savages' that our upstart race brought venereal disease, potent spirits and Victorian Christianity. It was we who, in building a commercial empire, have cut short by the way as noble a tradition as the world has ever

seen.

As one reads these great Pacific sagas one wonders indeed what manner of men were they who could do such deeds. Ascend in imagination some one or other of the valleys that run down from